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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

(INCLUDING FILING FEE AND/OR PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FEE)

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

| To: Commissione Box RCE PO Box 1450 | r for Patents | Attorney Docket No.:826.1716 | | | | | | |
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| Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 | | | | | | | | |
| First Named Inventor | Takashi YUGAMI, et al. | | | | | | | |
| Application No. | 09/812,814 | Group Art Unit | 3625 | | | | | |
| Filing Date | March 21, 2001 | March 21, 2001 Examiner Matthe | | | | | | |
| CPA Filing Date | | Confirmation No | 1934 | | | | | |
| Title of Invention | DISCOUNT SALE MANAGEMENT APPARATUS AND METHOD THEREOF | | | | | | | |
| This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application. | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 (Box a or b must be completed) | | | | | | | | |
| a. Previously submitted i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered). ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on iii. Other b. Enclosed i. Amendment/Reply ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) iii. Other 01 FC:1801 | | | | | | | | |
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| Miscellaneous a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required). b. Other © 2004 Staas & Halsey LLP | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | | BASIC FEE | | | | \$ 790.00 | | |
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| Since an Official Action set an <u>original</u> due date of <u>February 4, 2006</u> , petition is hereby made for an extension of time to cover the date this RCE is filed, for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$120)); (2 months (\$450)); (3 months (\$1,020)); (4 months (\$1,590)); (5 months (\$2,160): | | | | | | | | | | |
| Claims As Amended | Claims Remaining After Amendment | | est Number usly Paid For | Number Extra | Rate | · | | | | |
| Total Claims | 14 | 20 | - 20 = | 0 | X \$ 50.00 | = | | \$ 0.00 | | |
| Independent Claims | 8 | 8 | - 3 = | 0 | X \$ 200.00 |) = | | \$ 0.00 | | |
| Suspension Fe | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total of above Calculations = | | | | | | | \$ | 790.00 | | |
| Reduction by 50% for | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL FEES DUE = | | | | | | | | 790.00 | | |
| a. Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status. b. A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status was previously filed and such status is still proper and desired. c. is no longer claimed. 5. Other: 6. METHOD OF PAYMENT | | | | | | | | | | |
| A check in the amount of \$\frac{\$790.00}{} is enclosed. Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to Deposit Account No. 19-3935. (A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7. GENERA | L AUTHORIZA | TION | | | | | | | | |
| The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 C.F.R. 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application and of any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §120 to maintain pendency hereof and of any such related application to: Deposit Account No. 19-3935. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8. CORRESI | PONDENCE AL | DDRE | SS | | | | | | | |
| STAAS & HALSEY LLP 21171 PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED | | | | | | | | | | |
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